



MINUTES
GENERAL COMMITTEE
October 22, 2012
Meeting No. 24

Finance & Administrative Issues

Chair: Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Vice Chair: Councillor Carolina Moretti

Community Services Issues

Chair: Councillor Alex Chiu
Vice Chair: Councillor Howard Shore

Environment & Sustainability Issues

Chair: Councillor Valerie Burke
Vice Chair: Regional Councillor Joe Li

Building, Parks, & Construction Issues

Chair: Councillor Logan Kanapathi
Vice Chair: Councillor Colin Campbell

Alternate formats are available upon request.

Attendance

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Regional Councillor Joe Li
Councillor Valerie Burke
Councillor. Howard Shore
Councillor Don Hamilton
Councillor Carolina Moretti
Councillor Alan Ho
Councillor Logan Kanapathi
Councillor Alex Chiu

Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer
Lisa Riegel, Assistant City Solicitor
Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services
Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services
Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services
Gary Adamkowski, Director, Asset Management
Joel Lustig, Treasurer
Bill Wiles, Manager, By-law Enforcement & Licensing
Cathy Molloy, Manager, Markham Museum
Francine Périnet, Manager, Varley Art Gallery of Markham
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets

Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Councillor Colin Campbell

The General Committee convened at the hour of 9:03 a.m. with Councillor Carolina Moretti in the Chair; Councillor Alex Chiu Chaired Community Services related items and Councillor Logan Kanapathi Chaired Building, Parks and Construction related items.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None disclosed.

1. STIVER MILL RESTORATION (3.0)

[Presentation](#) [Report](#)

Gary Adamkowski, Director, Asset Management delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Stiver Mill Concept Study.

The Committee discussed the following:

- Proposed funding sources
- Ensure all sources of funding are explored
- Look into Section 37 funds as well
- Consider the funding model that was used for the Markham Train Station
- GO Train - is there any outstanding negotiations
- Proposed pathway - is it necessary
- Both phases should be done concurrently
- Investigate how the two heated building sections can be connected
- Assess the before and after parking capacities for the train station and the Stiver Mill

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton

Seconded by Councillor Carolina Moretti

- 1) That the Report entitled “Stiver Mill Restoration” be received; and,
- 2) That the presentation entitled “Stiver Mill Concept Study” be received; and,
- 3) That the proposed restoration in the amount of \$1,901,800 be presented to the Stiver Mill Preservation Advisory Committee for input on restoration plan and future use of the Stiver Mill; and,
- 4) That the ‘Unionville Public Washrooms’ capital project #9219 be closed and that the remaining funds of \$148,816 be considered as a funding source for the Stiver Mill restoration; and,
- 5) That funding options as outlined under the ‘Financial Consideration’ section be considered to fund the remaining balance of \$1,752,984; and further,
- 6) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 15, 2012

GENERAL COMMITTEE (16.0)

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Regional Councillor Gord Landon

- 1) That the Minutes of the October 22, 2012 General Committee be confirmed.

CARRIED

**3. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2012
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Regional Councillor Gord Landon

- 1) That the Minutes of the September 11, 2012 Senior Advisory Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**4. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2012
SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY CENTRE AND
LIBRARY SUB COMMITTEE (16.0)**

[Minutes](#)

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Regional Councillor Gord Landon

- 1) That the Minutes of the September 17, 2012 Southeast Community Centre and Library Sub Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

**5. STAFF AWARDED CONTRACTS FOR MONTH OF
SEPTEMBER (7.0)**

[Report](#)

The Committee posed questions relative to:

- 112-T-12 Council Chamber Carpet and Backdrop Fabric replacement
- 129-R-12 Concession Service for Various Recreation Facilities
- 208-Q-12 Floodlights and Poles - Toogood and Duncan Parks
- 231-T-12 Hall Partition Divider and Door Replacement at Thornhill CC

The Committee requested that staff award contract 192-T-12 Markham Creeks Erosion Restoration - The Rouge River Erosion Restoration at 17, 19 and 21 Rouge River Circle be

added to the in-camera agenda to discuss a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board in accordance with Section 239 (2) (c) of the Municipal Act.

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu

Seconded by Regional Councillor Gord Landon

- 1) That the report entitled “Staff Awarded Contracts for the Month of September 2012” be received; and,
- 2) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

**6. LONG-TERM PROVISION OF ANIMAL SERVICES
FOR MARKHAM (2.8)**

[Report](#) [Attachment](#)

Bill Wiles, Manager, By-law Enforcement & Licensing delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Long-Term Provision of Animal Services for Markham.

The Committee discussed the following:

- Importance of outreach programs to educate residents
- Encouraging microchip implants for all domestic pets
- Challenges with feral cats
- Ensure that there is transparency and accountability with respect to the OSPCA
- License revenues should go directly to animal service
- Concerns with animal wildlife service - consider partnership with the Toronto Wildlife Centre

Ms. Esther Attard, member of the City of Markham Animal Care Committee addressed the Committee regarding the Long-Term Provision of Animal Services for Markham and stated some concerns. She believes that the long term solution for animal services for the City is that the City operates an Animal Centre.

Ms. Liz White, Animal Alliance of Canada addressed the Committee with respect to the Long-Term Provision of Animal Services for Markham and suggested enhancements to be considered for the "Enhanced Status Quo."

The Committee discussed referring this recommendation back to staff to further investigate all the concerns raised today. It was suggested that the Long-Term Provision of Animal Services for Markham be referred to a Special General Committee meeting. Staff pointed out that staff need to begin negotiations with the OSPCA because currently the City is on a month-to-month contract with the OSPCA.

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

- 1) That the Report from DPRA Canada Inc. be received for information purposes; and,
- 2) **That the correspondence from Ms. Liz White, Animal Alliance of Canada, be received; and,**
- 3) That staff be directed to enter into negotiations with the OSPCA on a contract for the provision of animal services for the City of Markham pursuant to the City of Markham *Purchasing By-law*; and,
- 4) That an upset limit of \$150,000.00 with offset in additional By-law revenues of \$150,000.00 be allocated through the 2013 budget process for funding of the initial implementation of identified opportunities identified in Option 2, “*Enhanced Status Quo*” and,
- 5) **That the following be referred back to staff and a Special General Committee meeting:**

That Option 2 of the DPRA Report, the “*Enhanced Status Quo*” be adopted and implemented; and,

That the implementation of a “Customer Loyalty Card Program” for Markham pet owners be introduced for 2013 pet licence sales; and,

That the recommendations included in the “*Enhanced Status Quo*” from the DPRA Report be included for consideration in the Animal Services 2013 Business Plan and in negotiations as part of the animal services contract; and further,

- 6) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

7. CANADA –CHINA CULTURAL DIALOGUE (3.0)
[Presentation](#)

Cathy Molloy, Manager, Markham Museum and Francine Périnet, Manager, Varley Art Gallery of Markham delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding their trip to China in the context of the 3rd Canada-China Cultural Dialogue.

The Committee thanked staff for their presentation.

Moved by Councillor Alan Ho
Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

- 1) That the presentation by Ms. Cathy Molloy, entitled “Trip to China in the context of the 3rd Canada China Cultural Dialogue” be received.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

8. MOTION FOR RELEASE OF REPORTS REGARDING THE GTA SPORTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND CULTURAL CENTRE (6.0)

Regional Councillor Jim Jones distributed a copy of proposed motion relative to the GTA Sports, Entertainment and Cultural Centre and requested that it be considered today.

The Committee suggested that this item be added as an addendum item (under New Business) to the October 23, 2012 Development Services Committee Agenda.

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

That the motion regarding the GTA Sports, Entertainment and Cultural Centre be considered at the October 22, 2012 General Committee meeting.

LOST

Moved by Regional Councillor Jim Jones
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

That the motion regarding the GTA Sports, Entertainment and Cultural Centre be added as an addendum item under New Business, on the October 23, 2012 Development Services Committee Agenda.

CARRIED

9. IN-CAMERA MATTERS

Moved by Councillor Alex Chiu
Seconded by Regional Councillor Gord Landon

That, in accordance with Section 239 (2) (b) (c) (c) of the Municipal Act, General Committee resolve into an in-camera session to discuss the following confidential matters (12:21 p.m.):

- 1) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.
- 2) A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

- 3) A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

CARRIED

Moved by Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

That the General Committee rise from an in-camera session (12:48 p.m.)

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The General Committee meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.